

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/574,586

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 20 July 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12 - 15, 17 - 20, 25, and 27 - 30.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 16 September 2009.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lisa Margolis on 16 September 2009.

The following editorial changes have been made to place the application in condition for allowance:

In the Claims:

In claim 12, line 11: "substantially first straight portion" has been changed to --first substantially straight portion--

In claim 12, line 17: --of the second tubular member-- has been inserted after "the outer surface"

In claim 12, line 19: "substantially second straight portion" has been changed to --second substantially straight portion--

In claim 12, line 23: --first and second-- has been inserted before "screw threads"

In claim 12, line 24: --first and second-- has been inserted before "screw threads"

In claim 19, line 4: "distal to the screw thread" has been changed to --distal to the third screw thread--

In claim 20, line 14: "substantially first straight portion" has been changed to --first substantially straight portion--

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In claim 20, line 21: --of the second tubular member-- has been inserted after “the outer surface”

In claim 20, line 23: “substantially second straight portion” has been changed to -second substantially straight portion--

In claim 20, line 27: “engagement of the screw threads” has been changed to --engagement of the first and second screw threads--

In claim 20, line 29: --first and second-- has been inserted before “screw threads”

In claim 20, line 30: --first and second-- has been inserted before “screw threads”

In claim 20, line 34: “the bore” has been changed to --a central bore of the drilling liner system--

In claim 20, line 36: --first and second-- has been inserted before “screw threads”

In claim 27, line 13: “substantially first straight portion” has been changed to --first substantially straight portion--

In claim 27, line 18: --of the second tubular member-- has been inserted after “raised portions”

In claim 27, line 20: --of the second tubular member-- has been inserted after “the outer surface”

In claim 27, line 22: “substantially second straight portion” has been changed to -second substantially straight portion--

In claim 27, line 26: “engagement of the screw threads” has been changed to --engagement of the first and second screw threads--

In claim 27, line 28: --first and second-- has been inserted before “screw threads”

In claim 27, line 29: --first and second-- has been inserted before “screw threads”

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In claim 27, line 33: "the bore" has been changed to --a central bore of the drilling liner system--

In claim 27, line 37: "the radial ports" has been changed to --radial ports of the running tool with radial ports of the setting sleeve--

In claim 29, line 13: "substantially first straight portion" has been changed to --first substantially straight portion--

In claim 29, line 18: --of the second tubular member-- has been inserted after "raised portions"

In claim 29, line 22: "substantially second straight portion" has been changed to --second substantially straight portion--

In claim 29, line 26: "engagement of the screw threads" has been changed to --engagement of the first and second screw threads--

In claim 29, line 28: --first and second-- has been inserted before "screw threads"

In claim 29, line 35: "(f)" has been changed to --(f)--

In claim 29, line 35: "to bottom of well" has been changed to --to a bottom of the well bore--

In claim 29, line 36: "the radial ports" has been changed to --radial ports of the running tool with radial ports of the setting sleeve--

In claim 29, line 39: --the-- has been inserted before "first circulation pressure"

In claim 29, line 40: "the bore" has been changed to --a central bore of the drilling liner system--

In claim 29, line 41: --first and second-- has been inserted before "screw threads"

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEAN D. ANDRISH whose telephone number is (571)270-3098. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 7:30am - 5:00pm, Alternate Fri off, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on (571) 272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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